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## Newsletter of Governors State University



# News and Events

### **Dude, Where's My Car?**



With the installation of new external signs complete, GSU parking lots have been renamed. Parking lots are now designated by numbers and campus location, rather than the letters that were used in the past.

The new parking lot names integrate with the university's master site plan. The plan calls for future growth and more buildings on campus, which will require additional parking lots. As more parking lots are built, they will be given additional sequential numbers.

According to the master site plan, the university is divided into east and west sectors. Under the new parking lot naming system:

- A Lot is now West 2
- B Lot is now West 1
- C Lot is now East 1
- D Lot is now East 2
- E Lot is now East 3

GSU staff members need to be aware of the new parking lot names, especially when providing directions to campus visitors, including prospective students. Giving visitors the proper parking lot names will avoid confusion for persons who are unfamiliar with the campus.

GSU's [online campus map](#) has been updated to include the new parking lot designations.

### **Come to Convocation 2011**

Members of the GSU community – students, faculty, and staff – are invited to Convocation 2011, on August 18, at 3 p.m., in Sherman Music Hall. President Elaine P. Maimon will deliver the State of the University Address. The event will also feature the naming of this year's three Excellence Award winners.

This morning, Dr. Maimon noted, "The Baysore Award is presented to a GSU employee who has represented the qualities of absolute integrity, total competence, generous dedication, and unfailing civility. Many GSU employees have been honored with this award in the past, and will be honored in the future, but I have decided not to award the Baysore this year. All of us have done yeoman service on many transitional projects that are critical to the university. Because of everyone's busy schedule, few people had the time to prepare a thorough Baysore nomination. Given the stature of this award, we have decided to give everyone a chance for more detailed nominations next year."

### **Blackboard 9.1 Workshops Offered**

Faculty workshops on Blackboard 9.1 start the week of August, 29. This fall, GSU begins the process of moving from WebCT (Blackboard CE-8) to Blackboard 9.1, so it is important that faculty members become familiar with the new system.

The Center for Online Teaching and Learning is hosting the workshops, which will introduce the Blackboard interface and the features of the GSU Standard Settings, and help participants get started on creating a Spring 2012 web-enhanced, hybrid, or online course. Two-hour workshops are offered Monday through Thursday in both morning and afternoon sessions. Registration is limited on a first-come, first-served basis to 15 persons per session.

New features in Blackboard 9.1 include:

- A more robust and easy-to-use grade book
- The ability to more easily construct and maintain courses
- Automated "to do" and "past due" notifications
- Automated messaging of notes to students who are falling behind and/or becoming at risk for failure
- An integrated plagiarism detection tool
- An enhanced group manager tool to make the setting up of group projects easier
- Built-in wiki and blog tools
- Ability to create "mash ups" that integrate content from external sources such as Flickr, Slideshare and YouTube
- Excellent mobile communication and content delivery capabilities

[Register](#) for the workshops online. For workshop or training questions, contact [Nikki Rosebrough](#).

## **Ice Cream Social Threepeat**

One more time. You scream, I scream ... well, you know the rest.

The Civil Service Senate has been doing its best this summer to satisfy everyone's ice cream cravings. We have another chance to feed our collective sweet tooth at the Senate's Ice Cream Social Threepeat, on Wednesday, August 31, from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m., in the Hall of Governors.

Besides ice cream sodas for \$1.50, the Senate will also be offering ice cream sundaes for \$2 with hot fudge, as well as other toppings.

## **Fresh-picked, Ready for You**

It's August, and that means the best in farm-fresh fruits and vegetables are headed to the GSU Farmers Market. Enjoy fresh-picked tomatoes, corn, peaches, and other seasonal delights when you visit the Farmers Market on Thursdays, from 1 to 6 p.m., outside the main entrance.

The outdoor market brings locally grown fresh fruits and vegetables, freshly baked bread, delicious honey, and other healthy products to GSU every week through September.

## **Scholarship Spotlight - Ja'Hana Holloway**



Ja'Hana Holloway of Bourbonnais received the ACESSS Scholarship. Ja'Hana is a student in the College of Education's elementary education program. Obtaining her degree will fulfill her long-time dream of becoming a teacher.

She will also be serving as a positive role model for her children.

## **Singing, Dancing in Fall Semester**

You have the talent. You have the interest. Now you have the two new courses at GSU to help develop your creative side.

You can dance at GSU in *World Dance* (DNCE-390). The three credit hour course that helps you explore dance traditions from around the world through beginning level recreational dances from various regions, including Europe, Africa, Asia, and North and South America. The cultural values, religious beliefs, and social systems of the countries where the dances originate will also be studied. The class will meet on Thursdays, from 1:30 to 4:20 p.m.

You can sing at GSU in *Choral Performance* (COMS 509-4). The three credit hour course teaches you to raise your voice in a class that prepares you for site singing and performing choral music in a variety of genres from around the world. Here is your chance to experience the joy of vocal expression. The class meets on Tuesdays, from 1:30 to 4:20 p.m.

Registration for these exciting new courses is currently being accepted.

## **Secretary of State Services Offered at GSU**

Secretary of State's Mobile Service Unit will be at GSU on Tuesday, August 23, from 1:30 to 7 p.m., in the Hall of Governors.

Services available at the mobile service unit include driver's license renewal, replacement, and corrections; State ID card renewal, replacement, and corrections; vehicle sticker sales; passenger and b-truck license plates; vehicle title and registration; parking placards for persons with disabilities; and organ/tissue donor information. In addition, vision tests and the written driver's license exam can be taken. No driving tests will be given.

The services provided are available to all qualified Illinois residents. State law allows driver's license renewal up to one year in advance. Proper identification is required for new and duplicate driver's licenses and state ID cards. Acceptable forms of payment include personal checks, cash, MasterCard, American Express, and Discover credit and debit cards.

For information, visit [www.cyberdriveillinois.com](http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com).

## **Real Men Runway Models Needed**

Be one of the Real Men of GSU. Students are needed to walk the runway in the Real Men Wear Pink Fashion Show. The fashion show will take place on October 20, at 6:30 p.m., in the Center for Performing Arts.

The men of GSU will show off their fashion sense and their giving spirit at the show to help the GSU Student Senate raise money for the American Cancer Society and the Jennifer S. Fallick Cancer Support Center in Homewood.

Students interested in joining the fun should contact Sheree Sanderson at 708.534.4552 by Friday, August 12.

